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Deployment of NSG Commandos on Flights
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government deploys NSG commandos on flights;

(b): if so, the details thereof;

(c): whether the Ministry has received any proposal from the Ministry of Home Affairs seeking permission to allow an armed security officer to accompany the Home Minister on all domestic commercial flights;

(d): if so, the details thereof; and

(e): the action taken by the Ministry on the above request?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b): Sky Marshals are deployed on certain identified routes, the details of which cannot be disclosed due to security implications.

(c) to (e): Yes, Madam. A request was received from Ministry of Home Affairs in September, 2014 to allow carriage of weapons by Security Staff accompanying the Home Minister during journey by Air on board domestic flights. The request was examined in the Ministry of Civil Aviation taking into account the advice of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), the regulatory authority for civil aviation security in the country, in the matter and views of Ministry of Civil Aviation were communicated to Ministry of Home Affairs.